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1. Troops observed at the athletic field in the Oranienburg (W 53/7 67) restricted area on 28 January 1951 included 10 officers and 230 IT who wore red-bordered black epaulets and who were engaged in close-order drill with rifles shouldered; and 350 unarmed troops who wore also red-bordered black epaulets and who were drilling in groups of from 20 to 30 men. Three radio trucks with extended antennae, 5 to 10 meters high, were parked at the athletic field and were connected with the building at the fuel dump by several cables. Twenty-four rocket launchers were seen near the gate of the restricted area on Berliner Chaussee. More trucks than previously were parked in the billeting area.

2. Motor vehicles identified at the SS Kaserne on Bernauer Allee

A convoy of 16 trucks left the installation. The trucks were occupied by troops.

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3. The "Eisse Stadt settlement was occupied by about 1,500 troops, most of whom wore red-bordered black epaulets, including some with artillery insignia. A small percentage of the troops wore blue epaulets. Several new garages, of both stone and wood, were being constructed in the restricted area. About 50 canvas-covered rocket launchers [redacted] were seen near a parking lot where about 100 trucks were standing on 2 February. Five days later, the rocket launchers had been moved into garages, while only about 30 trucks, [redacted] were seen on the parking lot. \*

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4. The billeting area of the Panzer Schule and the former concentration camp of Sachsenhausen was occupied by 3,000 to 4,000 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets, some with tank insignia.

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[redacted] Twelve T-54/85 tanks were seen at the training field north of the concentration camp on 7 February. The tank tracks led to the eastern gate of the concentration camp. Troops who were also observed at the training field included eight soldiers who wore red-bordered black epaulets and who practiced the digging of foxholes for AT protection; and two squads, each of 12 soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets, who practiced submachine gun firing at silhouette targets.

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\* [redacted] Comment. The information [redacted] confirms the presence of from 32 to 50 (?) rocket launchers in the restricted area which is bounded by Ernst Thaelmannstrasse, Friedrichshofstrasse and in Wolfsbusch. The information supports a previous belief that a rocket launcher regiment has been newly activated as part of the Second Gds Recz Army. The number of 50 rocket launchers [redacted] identified [redacted]

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[redacted] the 50 trucks, [redacted] would belong to the air force unit which is believed to be stationed in the restricted area.

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\*\* [redacted] Comment, [redacted] On [redacted] it is believed that the 11th Tank Regt, [redacted] of the 25th Tank Div is no longer stationed in Prenzlau but in the Sachsenhausen concentration camp near Granienburg. The previous belief that the regiment was stationed in Prenzlau was based on information of October 1949. [redacted]

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